

Problem 13.1

We know that $\langle x \rangle = \frac{\hbar k t}{m}$ & $\langle p \rangle = \hbar k$, & we're given

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4a} + \frac{a\hbar^2 t^2}{m^2} + \frac{\hbar^2 k^2 t^2}{m^2}$$

$$\text{So } \sigma_x^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{4a} + \frac{a\hbar^2 t^2}{m^2}$$

We could calculate σ_p^2 if we knew $\langle p^2 \rangle$. We know that

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 a}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

but $\langle H \rangle = \langle \frac{p^2}{2m} \rangle = \frac{1}{2m} \langle p^2 \rangle$, so $\langle p^2 \rangle = \hbar^2 a + \hbar^2 k^2$

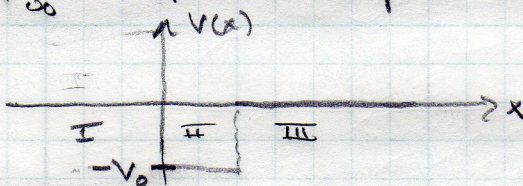
$$\text{So } \sigma_p^2 = \langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2 = \hbar^2 a$$

The product is: $\sigma_x^2 \sigma_p^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4a} + \frac{a\hbar^2 t^2}{m^2} \right) (\hbar^2 a)$

$$= \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{4} + \frac{\hbar^4 a^2 t^2}{m^2} \right] \text{ & this takes on its minimum value at } t=0: \sigma_x \sigma_p \text{ min} = \frac{\hbar^2}{4}$$

Problem 13.2 (Griffiths 2.40)

a. This potential partitions space into 3 segments:



We know that $\psi_I(x) = 0$. In III we are solving: $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi_{III}'' = -|E| \psi_{III}$
& set $k = \sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}}$, then

$$\psi_{III}(x) = A e^{kx} + B e^{-kx} \quad \text{at } x \rightarrow \infty \text{ in III, so } A = 0$$

$$\psi_{III}(x) = B e^{-kx}$$

In region II, we have: $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi_{II}'' - V_0 \psi_{II} = -|E| \psi_{II}$

or $\psi_{II}'' = -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (|E| + V_0) \psi_{II}$ & let $q^2 \equiv \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (|E| + V_0) = k^2 + \frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2}$
then:

$$\psi_{II}(x) = A \sin(qx) + B \cos(qx)$$

We have $\psi_I(0) = \psi_{II}(0) \Rightarrow 0 = B$, so $\psi_{II}(x) = A \sin(qx)$

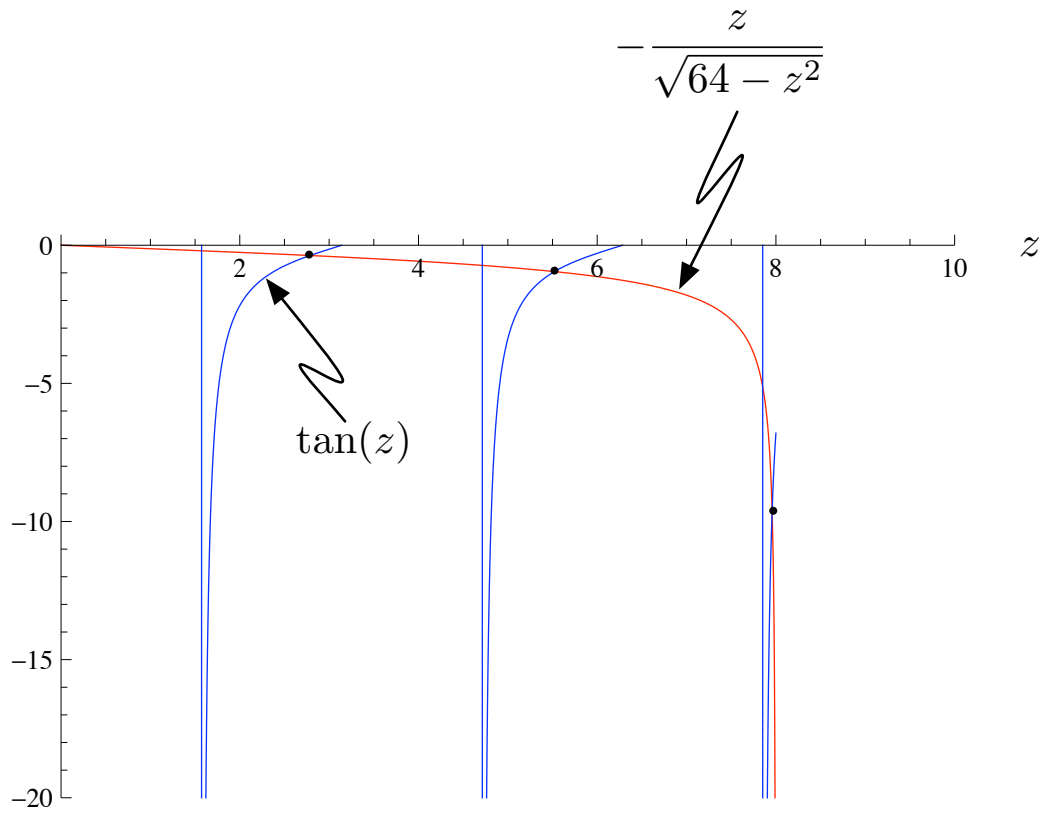
& $\psi_{II}(a) = \psi_{III}(a) \Rightarrow$

$$A \sin(qa) = B e^{-ka}$$

$$\text{to } \frac{d\psi_{II}}{dx} \Big|_a = \frac{d\psi_{III}}{dx} \Big|_a \Rightarrow A q \cos(qa) = -k B e^{-ka} \Rightarrow \tan(qa) = \frac{-q}{k} = \frac{-q}{\sqrt{q^2 - \frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2}}}$$

attached is a plot of $\tan(z)$ vs. $-\frac{z}{\sqrt{64-z^2}}$, showing $\boxed{3}$ points at which $\tan(z) = \frac{-z}{\sqrt{64-z^2}}$ holds.

dots indicate points of equality, where $\tan(z) = -\frac{z}{\sqrt{64-z^2}}$.



Problem 13.3

Set $\beta \equiv \frac{m\alpha}{\hbar^2 k}$, then the bound state is: $\psi_b(x) = \sqrt{\beta k} e^{-\beta|x|}$
and the scattering states are:

$$\psi_k(x) = \begin{cases} A(e^{ikx} + \frac{i\beta}{k(1-i\beta)} e^{-ikx}) & x \leq 0 \\ A(1-i\beta)^{-1} e^{ikx} & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

We want to show that $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_b(x)^* \psi_k(x) dx = 0 \quad \forall k$.

The integral can be written:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi_b(x)^* \psi_k(x) dx = A\sqrt{\beta k} \left[\underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{+k\beta x} (e^{ikx} + \frac{i\beta}{k(1-i\beta)} e^{-ikx}) dx}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-k\beta x} (1-i\beta)^{-1} e^{ikx} dx}_{I_2} \right]$$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{k(1+\beta)} + \frac{i\beta}{(1-i\beta)k(\beta-i)} \quad \text{and} \quad I_2 = \frac{-1}{(1-i\beta)} \left[\frac{1}{k(1-\beta)} \right]$$

Adding these two gives:

$$= \frac{A\sqrt{\beta k}}{k(1+\beta)} \left[1 - \frac{\beta}{\beta-i} - \frac{i}{i-\beta} \right]$$

$$= \frac{A\sqrt{\beta k}}{k(1+\beta)} \left[1 + \frac{\beta-i}{i-\beta} \right]$$

$$= 0 \quad \checkmark$$